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Synopsis of State and Intelligence material reported to the President

ITALY

Khrushchev, in talks with Gronchi, insisted on liquidating the "consequences of World War II," maintaining an inflexible line on West Berlin and East Germany.

GERMANY

The British are insisting on taking a stiff stand on the new passes in East Germany.

PANAMA

We have warned Panama that pressure tactics are bound to lead only to difficulties. There must be an effort to calm tensions. There is no possibility of moving on the flag question for the present.

CUBA

Our Embassy in Havana believes Mikoyan's visit and results are for the moment a great propaganda victory for the USSR. Recent events tend toward putting Cuba in the Soviet camp. There is little hope we can work out a satisfactory relationship with the Cuban Government.

ITALY

An Italian governmental crisis is foreseen. Malagodi intends to withdraw his small Liberal Party from support of Segni, because of the Government's failure to control Gronchi's leftist activities, both in Italy and in his trip to Russia.

IRAQ

In Iraq, the Government has recognized a splinter, non-orthodox group as the Communist Party. This is a rebuff to Moscow.

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Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay.

ECUADOR

In Ecuador, violence is expected on 20 February when former President Velasco returns to start his 1960 campaign. Rival communists intend to create disorder. President Ponce may act against the disorder, discrediting both parties.

GERMANY

Embassy Bonn reports we have almost achieved agreement with our allies regarding proposal for institution of high altitude flights to West Berlin.

BELGIUM

Belgian announcement of independence for Congo on 30 June has created wide anxiety among Europeans there. Many of the 100,000 there may leave by that time

INDONESIA

The Sino-Indonesian dispute is embarrassing Khrushchev on his visit to Indonesia. He is emphasizing Soviet friendship for Indonesia, and avoiding any show of support for the Chinese.

ALGERIA

In Algeria, rebels are expected soon to name a new delegation to discuss cease-fire with French authorities. They have not yet accepted limitation of talks to a military cease-fire. Support for De Gaulle among Moslems has increased as a result of his handling of the Algerian insurrection.

INDONESIA

There are reports of imminence of a major deal between Sukarno and Khrushchev, but Indonesian Government is limiting Sukarno to what he can agree to.

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US-FRANCE-BRITAIN

US, France and Britain have called on Soviets to change the new passes issued for East Germany. Also, basic agreement has been reached on proposal to the Soviets regarding high altitude flights to Berlin.

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